



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Greater Amberjack Management Measures in the Gulf of Mexico

NOAA Fisheries is seeking comments on changes to the greater amberjack allowable harvest measures in the Gulf of Mexico.

Proposed Changes:

- (1) Decrease the total annual catch limit from 1,780,000 pounds whole weight to 1,720,000 pounds whole weight.
- (2) Set the commercial annual catch limit at 464,400 pounds whole weight and the commercial quota at 394,740 pounds whole weight.
- (3) Set the recreational annual catch limit at 1,255,600 pounds whole weight and the recreational quota at 1,092,372 pounds whole weight.
- (4) Increase the minimum recreational size limit from 30 inches fork length to 34 inches fork length.
- (5) Reduce the commercial trip limit from 2,000 pounds whole weight to 1,500 pounds gutted weight.

Need for Action:

The 2014 population assessment indicates additional management measures are necessary to rebuild the greater amberjack population in the Gulf of Mexico.

How to Submit Comments:

NOAA Fisheries must receive comments on this proposed rulemaking no later than October 19, 2015. You may submit comments on the amendment or the proposed rule, identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2015-0094", by one of the following methods:

Electronic Submission: Go to the federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0094-0001>, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. NOAA Fisheries will accept anonymous comments.

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All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on the regulations.gov website without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible.